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THE FAIR AND SQUARE DEAL.

The following editorial, written by the editor of the Western Nevada Miner, is the truth, and the whole truth. There are certain editors in this state that are so dishonest and corrupt that they are compelled to use subterfuges to cover their shame. And to try and square themselves with their patrons they turn their guns loose at railroads and corporation in general. If these same editors were given the opportunity they would steal the railroads and govern all the corporations themselves.

"The Southern Pacific has failed again to get a throttle hold on the state of Nevada, and consequently Oddie and Norcross are in for all the hell the Espee can hand them. There is a time coming when the Southern Pacific will say 'please' instead of 'you must' and that time is now at hand. Keep an eye open for the fun."—Carson News.

What in the hell would these wild-eyed, rambunctious Teddy Rooseveltite blatant demagogues do if they didn't have the Southern Pacific "hokey man" to trot out every time they got caught in a tight place with the goods on them? They would be in a hell of a fix! We believe in giving even the devil his dues. Who has done the most toward the upbuilding of Nevada and the development of Nevada, such ignorant demagogues as George Montrose and men of his stamp and mental pabulum, or the Southern Pacific with the greatest brains and geniuses at its head? Comparisons are usually odious, nevertheless we will make a few and the public can judge for itself.

First, how much taxes does Montrose pay to the state that entitles him to such a "holler"? Since his advent into the state, what has he ever done, outside of conducting a "Joke" or so-called newspaper on a leased plant and acting as a subservient lickspittle and lackey for a coterie of tin-horn politicians, to advance the material or moral advancement of Nevada? What has the Norcross family ever given to Nevada's advance, prosperity and upbuilding in exchange for the twenty-three thousand dollars that they are drawing annually from the state treasury in official salaries? How much taxes are they paying toward this salary? What has Charles Norcross (who is to receive hell from the Espee) ever accomplished for the state? The wrecked and ruined Goldyke Reef mine and the Orizaba mine, both east of Mina, or mute, lifeless monuments of his intelligent capabilities as a mine manager. Both of these properties had good ore showings with more than a fair promise of making producers. By the way, we have it from good authority, that a local business house has a bill in the hands of a collection agency for several hundred dollars' worth of supplies furnished one of these defunct corporations through the order of its manager, Charles Norcross. What remains of the twenty-five thousand dollars voted for the state publicity bureau that was to bring thousands of citizens to Nevada? A second hand automobile, a worthless dilling rig, a fund on hand represented by the rim of a cypher and—Charley Norcross.

On the other hand the Southern Pacific is building a railroad from Fernley to Lassen county at an expense of millions of dollars that will open an empire and put an industrious, struggling people in close touch with the markets of the world for their products heretofore worthless through lack of transportation facilities. It is now spending millions of dollars in the broad-gauging of its road through Owens Valley and to Mina in an effort to give the people a shorter, quicker and cheaper route between Los Angeles and Seattle and intermediate points. It is spending thousands of dollars advertising the state's resources to the outside world and is bringing in hundreds of good citizens and placing them on fertile lands upon the most favorable terms. It is maintaining an army of employees throughout the state at good wages, all of which goes to swell the business of local communities. What would Reno be but for the enormous monthly payroll of the Southern Pacific to its employees at Sparks? Where in the state is there another such a stupendous plant of machinery as that maintained by the Southern Pacific at Sparks? If some of

these demagogic jingoes would spend about two days in the careful inspection of this plant, they would, in spite of their egotism, realize how damn small and insignificant they were in the welfare of the state in comparison. And last, but not least, it is the biggest taxpayer in the state of Nevada. Let the fair, unbiased public judge as to which is most entitled to a say in the management of public affairs and expenditures of moneys.

"The United States census gives the value of live stock, farm lands and agricultural products of Nevada at \$70,000,000, yet the state has barely assessed on a valued basis of ten per cent of this amount. On the other hand, the state assesses the Southern Pacific company on a basis of more than 65 per cent of its physical valuation by the government. As the biggest taxpayer in the state, hasn't it got a right to a "holler" when there is such a reign of incompetency, mismanagement and almost criminal extravagance, as has characterized the present state administration and the two sessions of the legislature?

When there is a shortage of funds with which to conduct the state's business whose pockets do the tax-grabbers go deepest into? The Southern Pacific, of course. This being the case, then why in the name of common decency, the fair play and the square deal, these selfish, envious demagogues make their hypocritical plea for, hasn't the Southern Pacific company, even though it is a corporation, got the same right as a private individual to enter politics and protect its interests and that of its thousands of small stockholders from the rapacity of the hungry demagogic politicians whom the dear "peepul" are electing to office.

Is the Southern Pacific, because of the fact that it is a corporation, to tamely submit to being backed up in an alley in broad daylight, man-handled and its pocket rifled because a lot of incompetent state officials and their myriads of relatives have raided the state treasury and left nothing but the polished nickel nob on the vault door? Why don't these blatant demagogues go after Mr. Prominent Citizens, who turns in his "palatial" five or six thousand dollars residence to the assessor on a valuation of five or seven hundred dollars? Or the "Merchant Prince," who is making a profit of from forty to one hundred per cent on their merchandise sale and who turn in a valuation of their stock to the assessor of about twenty per cent of the actual wholesale cost of their stock. Is it because these protectors of the dear "peepul" are afraid that Mr. Merchant Prince will lop off his two-dollar-a-month-ribbon-counter ad if they tell the truth about his evasion of his just share of the public burden of taxation? Why not ascertain the reason for taxing a scrubby range bull (or cow) on the basis of twelve to fifteen dollars a head when these same cow critters are selling in the local market at from forty to sixty dollars a head? Is it because the assessors need these votes to hold their jobs?

The corporations will keep out of politics when the people wipe out the causes that make it necessary for them to stay in, but this time will never come so long as there is a press willing to play to the plaudits of the gallery and the clamor of the mob instead of telling the cold unfeeling truth, even though compelled to stand alone. The corporations will quit politics when the people quit selecting as representatives political mountebanks who seek office that they may fill their pockets with money that they have extorted as bribes from corporations to prevent the enactment of ruinous legislation.

YOU'RE ON THE WRONG FOOT.

Judging from the antics that Colonel Reeves is cutting these days over the loss of Nevada to Roosevelt and his threat to get the scalp of Congressman Roberts and the federal officeholders in the state, he is as hard a loser as Teddy himself. The trouble with these so-called progressives and reformers is that they take themselves too seriously, while the public consider them in the light of a joke and as an addition to the merriment of the nations. They are usually of the type of Puritans who in olden times burned dissenters at the stake, and at all times bluffers, four-flushers and posseurs. We personally esteem our old-time friend, Colonel Reeves, and for the sake of old Texas, it grieves us to see him make such a rampant ass of himself. Take a hitch in your trousers, colonel, and pull yourself together before you find yourself in the discard or the garbage can with the dead cat in the back alley.—Nevada Western Miner.

Of course the Johnson gang does not fear La Follette. That is why they shrieked so loudly when it was announced that he would come to California, and why they are wondering who they can find to follow him in his speaking tour. As further evidence that what he says does not matter the word has been passed out to all the "roped and hog-tied" newspapers to suppress the La Follette speeches.

Clarence V. T. Richeson, the Boston, Massachusetts, minister who poisoned his sweetheart, Alvis Lennell, confessed and was sentenced to death, is now faking insanity to save his worthless hide. He is continually blubbering that he is sorry, very sorry. He is probably more sorry for himself than he is for the poor unfortunate creature whose life he took to hide his own perfidy.

Shipowner J. Bruce Ismay is still showing signs of anxiety to return to England, but the chances are he would fare no better at home. England is even more severe than the United States in its denunciation of the crime whereby so many of its brave and loyal sailors were sent to the bottom of the sea.

There is trouble over the filling of the vice-presidency in China. There would be something more than trouble in this country if Roosevelt should be nominated and all the governors whom he promised the second place should demand that he make good.

Colonel Roosevelt, while berating the politicians, seems to forget that most of the politicians consider him the most adroit and shifty politician of them all.

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